

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Proposition to Buy a Lot Fully Discussed.

But No Action Taken—A Full Board and an Interesting Meeting.

Last night's meeting of the Omaha board of trade was the most important held for many months, both in point of numbers present and business transacted.

Secretary Gibson called the roll, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The main business of the evening was then brought up in the shape of the resolution laid over at the previous meeting to assess each member of the board \$100 for the purchase of a lot to be used as a site for a Chamber of Commerce building.

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CRIMINAL COURT.

"Sandy" Forbes Out on Bail—The Bribery Case to be Taken Up Soon.

Yesterday afternoon "Sandy" Forbes, John McClelland and Frank Burns were brought before the police court on their preliminary examination.

The charge of suspicious characters against all these defendants in the city jail was changed to that of burglary on a complaint signed by E. T. Duke.

Lawley who had been arrested in Sioux City with defendants was released without a hearing it having been ascertained that he was in Des Moines at the time of the burglary.

The complaint, a joint one against all these defendants charges them with entering the store of E. T. Duke on the night of October 22, 1884, and carrying away knives to the value of \$800, razors \$100, and scissors \$100.

Forbes, McClelland and Burns insisted on their right under the statute of separate examinations, and the court made an order to that effect.

The state, by District Attorney Godwin, then asked that the case of the state against John McClelland be called.

The defendant stated he was unable to proceed to trial and his case was continued to 2 p. m. to-day.

N. J. Barnham, appearing for McClelland, said at that time he would in all probability apply for a continuance, as witnesses in Sioux City would have to be subpoenaed for the defense.

Mr. C. A. Baldwin, appearing for "Sandy" Forbes, asking that his client be released on his own recognizance.

Judge Benke refused to comply with the application, but reduced his bail from \$1,000 to \$500.

This bail was furnished, Ed. McClelland signing the bond. Gen. O'Brien, appearing for defendant Burns, stated his client was ready for trial, but the district attorney insisted that the case against McClelland be taken up first.

The court then made the same order, reducing bail in his case as in that of Forbes. Burns' examination was also continued to 2 p. m. to-day, being unable to give the required bond the defendant was remanded to jail.

The case of the state against Lawley, charged with the larceny of a vase of the value of \$50, the property of Hattie Bell, was also continued to 2 p. m. to-day.

On application of District Attorney Godwin a subpoena was issued for Lottie Combs and placed in the hands of Officer Whalen.

She was, however, put under arrest by Marshal Cummings, on Twelfth street, and taken to the city jail, where it was ordered by Judge Benke that she remain until 2 p. m. to-day, and that she be given the freedom of the hall.

DISTRICT COURT.

In the district court yesterday the Galzolo case was called up and a motion for a continuance argued by defendant's counsel.

The application was not decided. The councilmen bribery case will be called up to-morrow morning, at which time it is thought Messrs. McEbin and Hubbard will be here to testify.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

In this court leave was given the defendants in the Oteo land conspiracy presentments to consider whether or not they would move on the indictments.

It is thought, however, they will go to trial. All have appeared and entered their recognizances for \$1,000 each.

MARY'S MISTAKE.

A Woman's Mistake Taken From the Mails by Postoffice Inspectors.

In 1876 a woman named Mary Robinson, living at that time in Cameron, Mo., brought suit in the circuit court of Ray county, in that state, against a man named Samuel Mouser to recover \$25,000 for personal injuries alleged to have been sustained from an attempt at rape committed by defendant.

The case was tried to a jury which returned a verdict for plaintiff of \$500. The case was taken to the supreme court by the defendant and the judgment of the lower court was reversed on the ground that the evidence showed that no outrage had been committed, the plaintiff being a willing party.

Miss Robinson then brought herself for some time after this last decision, which was in 1882, writing a history of her case and compiling the evidence adduced to the jury.

Yesterday the attention of the post office inspectors was called to several small pamphlets addressed to Grover Cleveland, Mary Livermore, Congressmen Kelley, Hoy, Talmadge and others.

Upon examining them they were found to be the case above referred to in pamphlet form. The leaf of each page contained a cut of Miss Robinson, underneath which was her autograph.

The pamphlets were addressed in the autograph hand, which leads to the conclusion that the woman is in the city and besides there are good reasons to believe that she wrote them in Omaha.

They were taken from the mails and held to await the action of the postoffice department at Washington, on the ground that they were non-mailable, being obscene literature.

UNDER ARREST.

The Marshal and Three Policemen Pulled by Order of Patton.

A few days ago a man named J. W. Patton was arrested in this city on the supposition that he was a fugitive from justice and was wanted in Kansas for crooked cash accounts kept by him at the penitentiary.

After being incarcerated in the city jail a couple of days, an officer arrived from Leavenworth and at once said Patton was not the man wanted and he was thereupon released.

Yesterday the man whose identity was mistaken arose out a warrant against Marshal Cuning and Officers Tubul, Moysten and Knight who were arrested by the sheriff on the charge of false imprisonment. The officers at once gave bail and were released. It is thought Patton has a case.

H. P. Foster, J. J. Lester, C. W. Thomas, Grand Island; J. B. Knapp, Ft. Calhoun; J. M. Marsh, Scott; Henry Chamberlain, Arrapahoe, are registered at the Paxton.

"HANDS UP!"

Details of the Train Robbery at Little Rock, Ark.

Passengers Deprived of their Money, Watches and Rings—The Safe Broken Open and Contents Stolen.

Special to the Globe-Democrat.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., December 6.—To-night, between 10 and 11 o'clock, the incoming passenger train on the Little Rock, Mississippi River & Texas railroad was stopped by five masked men, about three miles below Little Rock, and they proceeded in a systematic manner to the accomplishment of one of the most daring robberies in the annals of that branch of the business.

The train consisted of engine, baggage, express cars and two passenger coaches, and there were about seventy-five persons in all, including passengers, trainmen, baggage and express messengers.

Among the passengers were three women—Mrs. Blair, Miss Story and a country woman with two children. The train left Pine Bluff at 8 p. m., behind time, and the passengers were awaiting the train at the good time that the engineer was making.

As the train neared the distance to Little Rock was decreased, the passengers began to talk and the train rolled slowly and to get their grips and packages ready for the arrival at Little Rock.

All at once the train slackened in speed, according to rule as it was to be stopped three miles from the city. Instead of keeping the main track, however, a very unusual departure was made which astonished the engineer.

The train was stopped and the passengers were ordered to get out and stand in the open. The ladies in one of the cars screamed at a wayward motion of the train and the breaking of links of iron against the windows, and exclamations, "The train will be broken up but at this point a fusillade of pistol shots rang out in the night air.

BOARDED BY BANDITS.

Before any one had time to make a move for defense a gang of five masked men, well dressed and of middle age, were completely disguised, were of medium size, and wore white masks, covering their heads, with the exception of eyes and mouth, rough, ragged, and of the most revolting kind, which their eyes shone with devilish gleam.

Every one of the gang had his pants tucked inside out. Their coats were old and shabby, and their faces were pale and thin. The first man who stepped up was named the engineer, who showed up. Conductor Pat Rice and Express Messenger Hunt were in the baggage car.

On hearing the shot Conductor Rice rushed towards the engine, when, as he emerged from the door of the baggage car, he was fired upon by the bandits, who were in the proximity of his head. The train was stopped by this time, and the robbers, seizing the opportunity, entered the forward and rear coaches and every car.

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WOES UNNUMBERED.

Dive Astrologic Predictions for This Country Next Year.

Mania for Suicide—Romantic Divorce and Love Matches—A High Public Functionary to Be Lynched in San Francisco.

The two astrology almanacs of London, Zadkiel's and Raphael's, are now in the hands of students of the stars in this country.

At the ingress of the sun into Capricorn, December 21, 1884, the twenty-fourth degree of Virgo Scorpio ascends, and the fifth degree of Virgo culminates.

Jupiter is but one degree within the tenth house, reckoning by Washington time, and Venus is close to the eastern horizon, hence Zadkiel predicts that "this should be a fortunate quarter for the American people, trade and commerce should improve greatly; yet, as the sun and Mars are in the second house, there will be much waste of the public revenue and expenditure on armaments, also on the part of the individual citizens."

At the vernal equinox, March 21, 1885, at Washington, Pisces ascends and Sagittary is on the midheaven. "Venus, Mars, the Sun and Mercury are in the first house, the Moon is in the second, Jupiter in the sixth, Saturn on the cusp of the fourth, and Uranus in the seventh. These positions are ominous of trouble for the American people, their president and his cabinet. Foreign questions will give trouble, and there will be danger of warlike proceedings about the middle of April. Fluctuations in stocks will cause great excitement."

Raphael says the foregoing conditions indicate "an active year and an increase of trade. Uranus in the seventh will produce some singular troubles relating to foreign nations, and also internal dissatisfaction with the administration of home affairs. The position of Saturn is indicative of a bad time for agriculture, and that some portion of the harvest will fail. There will be a mania for suicide in the States. Divorce and LOVE MATCHES OF A ROMANTIC NATURE."

There is an annular eclipse of the Sun on March 16, 1885, the central line of which passes across California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and Dakota, north across the Canadian provinces of Manitoba and Hudson's Bay. At Washington and New York a partial eclipse will be visible. Astrologically this eclipse threatens, according to Zadkiel, "quarrels, addition, ferociousness and inhumanity of soldiers; there is great danger of national warfare or serious disturbances. The American people will be greatly excited and."

PARTY FEELING WILL RUN HIGH.

Concerning the summer solstice which takes place June 21, 1885, Zadkiel remarks, "At Washington Mars is found in the first house. Mercury and Saturn in the second. The Sun in the third, Uranus and the Moon in the sixth. The following quarter will not prove either very peaceful or prosperous, a loss of revenue and several diseases will occur. Railways are not likely to be flourishing even those which may escape the fatalities that threatened." Raphael concurs, remarking that the aspects are "not encouraging the railroad interest, and losses and accidents thereon may be expected."

A conjunction of Mars and Saturn occurs on August 6, 1885, in the sign Cancer, which governs New York. As Mars is ruler of the tenth house, writes Zadkiel, "the president is likely to be in danger. On the American coast a great storm, and earthquake shocks in some of the southern states. Epidemic fever (possibly cholera) will be rife in the great cities. New York will suffer serious effects; a public calamity is there threatened. Rowdiness and CHIMES OF VIOLENCE WILL BE RAMPANT."

The autumn equinox occurs September 22, 1885, with Sagittary culminating at Washington and Aquarius rising. "Mars in the sixth house presignifies a prevalence of acute fever and heart disease. The presence of the Sun and Uranus on the cusp of the eighth house indicates many Saturnian deaths and danger of cholera. Saturn in the fifth is evil for theaters and schools. Venus on the cusp of the ninth is favorable for commerce. At the lenation the Moon is in the eighth house and Mars in the twelfth, hence we may attribute a high rate of mortality from fevers, or some other epidemic, destructions of forests by fires; feuds causing riots and disorders in the country, and an epidemic affecting sheep. At San Francisco the worst effects may be expected, also the death of some high PUBLIC FUNCTIONARY AND MOB VIOLENCE."

Zadkiel intimates that the solar revolution of the emperor of Germany, which occurs March 22, 1885, presignifies the terminus vitae. "It is probable," he says, "that death will be caused by a sudden stroke of paralysis including a fall."

"YUBA BILL."

The Original of Bret Hartes Hero.

There is a man in this city writes a New York correspondent of the Troy Times, that claims to be Bret Hartes' original "Yuba Bill." His name is Seely, his occupation is a truckdriver and whether the novelist has drawn on him for matter or not, he is a singular personage.

I know him intimately almost a score of years ago, and his family, which consisted of a wife, a son, who has been for many years in Buenos Ayres, South America and two daughters. Almost any evening he can be found in a certain beer saloon on Hudson street puffing away at a clay pipe in an advanced state of intoxication.

John C. Watson, W. F. N. Houser, Frank Hanson, Frank P. Ireland, E. F. Warren, N. S. Harding and M. L. Howard will come up from Nebraska City last night and are at the Paxton.

THE PRICE OF BREAD.

Customer—"I understand that wheat is now very low."

Baker—"Yes, so they say."

"And flour has fallen in price?"

"Yes."

"But your bread is as high as ever."

"Yes. You see our expenses are just as high as ever."

"How can that be?"

"Well, of course, everybody wants bread, light and tender, and the unwholesome yeast, we secrete it."

"I know."

"Well, the streets are so dirty now that we are afraid to use town air, and have to import all our wind at a great expense from the mountain districts."

NEVER WAS ANYTHING ON HIS FEET BUT BOOTS.

He is a very prominent of his life as given by himself. "I was born, I guess, somewhere about 1820, which makes me about 64 years old, though I don't look it. My birthplace was Springfield, Mo. When I turned six the Cherokee Indians made a raid on our neighborhood, and carried me off with them. I was taken to the reservation of the Six Nations, and remained there about eight years. Of course I learned the six Indian dialects. Shall I give you a specimen? "Toma woma to—" "Tey don't," I gasped to him. "Well," continued Seely, "I got tired of Indian life after eight years were over, and ran away from the reservation. "I was pretty young, but I knew how to take care of myself. Later on I joined Fremont's expedition; the first, in 1842, up the Platte river, and the other that went all the way from Kansas to Fort Snater, on the Sacramento. I'm not going to tell you anything about those expeditions, because you've only got to open any history of the United States to find out all about them. But what you can't find in history is just this—" "Hark, just draw your finger this way, across my head, so. Now you feel that three inch scar running across my skull? This is how I got that. When the Texas revolution broke out I was the first to volunteer, and when the war on Mexico was declared I also volunteered. I fought under Zach Taylor until after Buena Vista, then I was under old Santa. Just as we were storming the portion of the city of Mexico above Puerto del Rey a bit of shell struck me on the foot and floored me. I felt pretty uncomfortable and groined so loud that one of my parads asked if I didn't want to be put out of my misery. I thought he was going to give me his flask, and so I brightened up. "Well, he began fumbling in his cartridge box—a curious place for a flask, it seemed to me. Then he heaved out a solitary cartridge, his last one, but it was wet and he threw it away. After a second or two I heard him mutter: "D give another from I got my skull split open with the out of his musket. That's what he called putting me out of my misery, but he only made it worse, and I told him so after I came out of the hospital."

"Did I ever drive a nail you bet I did, and the first one that ever ran better than a nail was the one I drove into the Indians were tough customers in those days, I can tell you, and it's many a time they went for the coach, but they never got much out of it while 'Yuba Bill' was on the box—except bullets. These they received gratis in unlimited quantity. They got square on me once, however. My home was a ranch six miles from Popoka, and after each return trip I paid my old woman and the children a few hours' visit. One night, on hearing the homestead, I heard heavy firing, and when I reached it I found my poor children dead and the old woman standing over their bodies, the sight of one eye gone and a smoking musket in her hand. She had just had a three hour fight with half a dozen Indian cattle-lifters. The same night I started in pursuit with some friends, among whom was Kit Carson, and before the sun went up the next morning three of the fiends were awing from a tree. My old woman is still living, minus